

House Resolution No. 756

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize organizations and individuals that contribute to the well-being of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, Anne Ream, O.D., of West Plains, Missouri, served on the University of Missouri Board of Curators between 2001 and 2007 with dedication and energy; and

Whereas, Dr. Anne Ream was appointed by Governor Bob Holden to serve as a Curator of the University of Missouri, the first optometrist so honored, and was subsequently confirmed by the Missouri Senate; and

Whereas, as a member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, Dr. Ream chaired the Finance Committee and served as a member of the Academic, Student Affairs, and the Physical Facilities committees, contributed substantially to the successful effort to gain significant core-budget funding, to build and open the magnificent Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center, and to help the University realize its long sought dream of creating a Business Technology and Research Park; and

Whereas, Dr. Anne Ream graduated from Drury College in 1980 with a double major in biology and English and graduated in 1984 from the University of Missouri College of Optometry, the first graduating class of that young college; and

Whereas, Dr. Anne Ream served on the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry Advisory Board for twelve years, and also served as its president; and

Whereas, Dr. Anne Ream was a member of the board of the Missouri Optometric Foundation for ten years and was its first female president; and served as Missouri Optometric Association's president in 1995; and

Whereas, Dr. Anne Ream was the first optometrist to receive the University of Missouri-St. Louis Distinguished Alumni Award, is the recipient of the Trailblazer Award, and is a member of three Chambers of Commerce and the American Cancer Society; and

Whereas, Dr. Anne Ream is the mother of Haley and Matthew, sister of Scott Ream, O.D., and his wife, Pam, and attentive aunt to their child Delaney; and Dr. Ream is the daughter of the late Dr. Robert Ream, a distinguished optometrist in Thayer, Missouri, and Geri Ream, who was a two-term mayor of Thayer; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to express our gratitude to Dr. Anne Ream for her service on the University of Missouri Board of Curators; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Anne Ream, of West Plains, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Esther Haywood
District No. 71

Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 756, adopted February 26, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker